(c) The various have been provided at (Dabolin) Goa airport for international operations within the existing terminal building. To improve the facilities and augment the additional spaces for international operations, there is a plan for new international terminal building and additional parking stands.

(d) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has already initiated action for acquiring additional land from Indian Navy and State Government for expansion of apron and expansion of international terminal building complex. The cost of the works is subject to finalization of technical designs etc.

Information on delay in departure of Aircrafts

3971. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of state of affairs at domestic airports in particularly the departure terminal at New Delhi and Mumbai;

(b) what adequate space and gates for departures has been kept; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether delay in the departure is not intimated to those who have mentioned their Phone numbers, if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Operation, Management and Development of IGI Airport, Delhi and CSI Airport, Mumbai have been handed over to Joint Venture Companies namely Delhi International Airport Private Limited and Mumbai International Airport Private Limited respectively to modernise and upgrade the facilities at both airports with effect from 03.05.2006.

(c) Airlines inform their passengers about delay/cancellation of flights etc.

Merger of two private Air carrier operators

3972. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent merger of two private air carrier operators together controlling about 50 percent of the air travel industry market will alter the industry dynamics and lead to cartelisation;

(b) whether the new company has obtained all clearances from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation; and

(c) whether the reported merger comes under the purview of the Competition Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) The market share of Jet Airways and Air Sahara during the current year is 34.9% and 9.7% respectively and is therefore less than 50% of the domestic aviation market.

(b) The company has applied for the clearance of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)/Ministry of Civil Aviation as per Civil Aviation Requirement (CAR) provision, which is under process as per relevant guidelines.

(c) The Competition Commission has not become fully functional and has not been undertaking any adjudicatory functions. The provisions in the Competition Act, 2002 relating to combinations of various types (including mergers/acquisitions etc.) are yet to be notified.

Permission to Government officers for accepting Directorship of private companies

3973. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have permitted Government officers and officers working in Government funded institutions for accepting the Directorship of private companies;

(b) if so, what are the rules in this regard; and

(c) how many officers have accepted to serve on the Board of private companies and how much remuneration have they received for attending the Board meetings?

THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.